

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method of regulating weight comprising administering dairy products in an amount sufficient to induce weight loss, prevent weight gain, and/or increase the metabolic consumption of adipose tissue in a non-human animal.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the animal is a pet.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the animal is a dog or cat.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the animal is a mouse.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the animal is a farm animal.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the method reduces the risk of osteoarthritis, ligament injuries, perineal dermatitis, diabetes mellitus, cardiomyopathy, and/or urologic syndrome.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the dairy products are administered in an amount sufficient to treat, reduce or attenuate obesity.
8. An animal food package comprising a calcium-fortified or dairy-containing animal food and a description of the benefits of consuming calcium in regulating body weight and/or body fat.
9. The food package of claim 8, wherein the animal food is pet food.
10. The food package of claim 8, wherein the animal food is farm animal feed.